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SUBJ: EMERGENCY AND EVACUATION

1. EMBASSY IN PROCESS REVISING E&E PLAN WHICH PUTS SUBSTANTIAL RELIANCE ON AUSTRALIANS WHO HAVE PERSONNEL AND RESOURCES WE LACK. WHILE DISCUSSING ASSISTANCE AUSTRALIANS WOULD PROVIDE WITH AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR CONTINGENCY PLANNING, EMBOFF WAS ASKED IF U.S. FORCES "OUT OF CLARK FIELD" COULD PROVIDE AIRLIFT ASSISTANCE ON "WORST CASE" BASIS.

2. WORST CASE (AND A HIGHLY UNLIKELY ONE) FOR AUSTRALIAN PLANNING WOULD REQUIRE EVACUATION OF 43,000 EXPATRIATES (33,000 AUSTRALIANS AND 10,000 THIRD-COUNTRY NATIONS, INCLUDING SOME 2500 AMERICANS, LARGELY MISSIONARIES). WITH AUSTRALIANS AND OTHER FOREIGNERS SCATTERED WIDELY THROUGHOUT PAPUA NEW GUINEA, AUSTRALIANS WOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO SEGREGATE BUT WOULD BRING OUT ALL FOREIGNERS, INCLUDING AMERICANS. IN SUCH A CIRCUMSTANCE, WOULD U.S. ASSIST WITH AIRLIFT AND TO WHAT DEGREE? WE ASSUME THAT IF U.S. AIRCRAFT WERE CALLED ON TO HELP, THEY WOULD BE EXPECTED TO CONTRIBUTE TO OVERALL AIRLIFT, PROBABLY TO NEARBY AUSTRALIA, WHICH MEANS LIFTING TCN'S,

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NOT ONLY AMERICANS.

3. AUSTRALIANS WOULD USE AIRLIFT CAPABILITIES OF RAAF AND QANTAS. WE BELIEVE THEY WOULD APPRECIATE FROM US SOME INDICATION AS TO AIRLIFT CAPACITY U.S. MIGHT NORMALLY HAVE AVAILABLE IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC WHICH MIGHT BE USED TO AUGMENT THEIR OWN. THEY ARE NOT REQUESTING A FORMAL COMMITMENT

OF A SPECIFIED CAPABILITY.

4. GUIDANCE AS TO HOW TO RESPOND TO THE AUSTRALIANS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

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